ऊर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुख राम) : (क) और (ख) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना की निम्नलिखित प्राथमिकतायें हैं :—

(1) शताब्दी के अंत तक लगभग पूर्ण रोजगार स्तर प्राप्त करने के लिए पर्याप्त रोजगार का सृजन ।

(2) लोगों के सक्रिय सहयोग के जरिए जनसंख्या तथा नियंत्रण निवेश तथा अनिवेश को प्रभावी स्कीम ।

(3) सबको प्राथमिक शिक्षा तथा 15 से 35 वर्ष के आयु वर्ग के लोगों की निरक्षरता का पूर्णतः उन्मूलन ।

(4) सभी गांवों तथा समग्र जनसंख्या को सुलभ सुरक्षित पेयजल तथा प्रतिरक्षण सहित प्राथमिकता स्वास्थ्य देख रेख सुविधाओं का प्रावधान करना तथा मैला ढोने को पूर्णतः समाप्त करना ।

(5) खाद्यन्न में आत्मनिर्भरता प्राप्त करने तथा निर्यात के लिए अधिशेष सृजित करने के लिए कृषि का विकास एवं विविधीकरण ।

(6) विकास प्रक्रिया को सतत आधार पर बनाए रखने में सहायता देने हेतु आधारिक संरचना (ऊर्जा, परिवहन, संचार, सिंचाई) का सुदृढ़ीकरण ।

(ग) माननीय सदस्य का ध्यान सभा पटल पर रखे गए आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना दस्तावेज की ओर आकर्षित किया जाता है ।

Foreign financial aid to States for Development Projects

4082. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to give States the entire amount received as foreign financial aid through World Bodies for development projects; and

(b) what has been the practice in vouge so far in this regard and the details of changes to be effected by the decision referred to above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKHRAM): (a) The Government have decided to give to the States, the entire amount received as credit or aid through multilateral or bilateral external agencies for development projects of the State Governments.

(b) Prior to this, 100 per cent external aid was passed on to the States only for social service sector programmes and programmes which have a direct bearing on poverty alleviation. In other sectors only 70 per cent was passed on to the States.

Development of backward areas in Eastern Uttar Pradesh

4083. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps have been taken for the development of backward areas of the country particularly the eastern Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) The responsibility for development of a particular region rests primarily with the State Government concerned. In this the Central Government helps the States, including Uttar Pradesh, through the mechanism of transfer of resources under revised formula, previously known as 'Gadgil Formula', Spe-